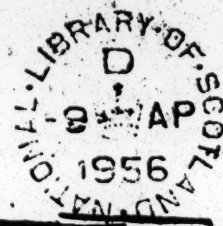


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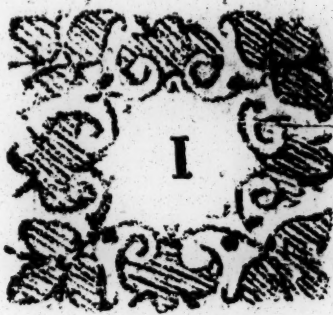
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 N My Last I gave an Account
that the Enemy lay in the
I *Schonevelt* and that we were at
an Ankor, seven Leagues from
East Capel, which bore S. b. E.
from us; Now I have to tell you of a Second
Engagement with them, which happened upon
June the fourth. The Enemy having had the
Oportunity by lying so Near their own Coast,
to Refit and Furnish themselves with all things
they wanted, and knowing very well, that as
the Wind has stood of late, we could not do the
like, were Encouraged to come out upon us, as
they did that day afternoon, having the Advan-
tage of a strong Gale at N. E. which we quickly
perceived, and got under Sayl, standing N. N. W.
having Our Larboard tacks on Board; and as close
haled upon the Wind as we could lye, stood to
Receive them. About four in the Afternoon, Van
Trump

Trump with the *Amsterdam* Squadron bore down, and began to Engage with the *Blew*, According to their usual Custom, Beginning to Fire at a great distance; About five *de Ruyter* with his Squadron Engaged with me, And the *Zealand* Squadron with the *White*; At his first coming *de Ruyter* made a show as if he would have come very near me, but before he was within Musket shot, He sprung his Luff, And closed his Wind as much as possibly he could, Going off on a suddain for good and all, which made us suppose, He had either some Extraordinary Damage in his ship, Or that himself was hurt: Their whole Fleet continued Pelting at us, at a great distance till dark night, We keeping our Ground not withstanding their Fire-ships. About Midnight part of the Dutch Fleet Tacked, Standing towards the E. Southerly, And quickly after the rest did the like, As we guessed by an imperfect sight we had of them; And at some distance.

At Two in the Morning we Tack'd also, And stood after them; At Six, Seeing no likelihood of reaching them before they would get within their Sands, we thought it to no purpose to pursue them any farther; so we Tack'd again, And stood for our own Coast. All we can say more of the Enemy, is That they went off in great disorder, leaving us ignorant of what loss they have sustained. On our side we lost never a Ship, and very few men; of our Commanders, Captain *White* of the *Warspit*, and Captain *Sadlington* of the *Crown*, were killed; of the Foot-Officers, Captain *Henshaw*, and Lieutenant *Fitzgerald* were killed, and Lieutenant *Tuston* was wounded.

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